



U.S. Department of State
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION



2011-2012 NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. Name (As Written on Your Passport) _____
(Family Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

2. Country or Countries of Citizenship _____

3. Country of Legal Residence _____

4. Place of Birth _____
(City or Town) (Country)

5. Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

7. Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Married

8. In order to respond to required U.S. Government inquiries, please check the box below, on a voluntary basis, if you have the following disabilities:

- ☐ Hearing Impairment ☐ Speech Impairment ☐ Visual Impairment (Legally Blind) ☐ Orthopedic Impairment
☐ Learning Disorder ☐ Other (Specify) _____

9. Current Contact Information

Address Type: ☐ Permanent Residence ☐ Dormitory ☐ Temporary Residence (Other Than Dormitory)

Street/Building Number _____ Apartment _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Region _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Cell Phone (If Applicable) _____

10. Permanent Home Address (If Different from Current)

Street/Building Number _____ Apartment _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Region _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Cell Phone (If Applicable) _____

11. Emergency Contact - Provide the names and contact information of individuals who should be notified in case of an emergency.

First and Last Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Street/Building Number _____ Apartment _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Region _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

- 12. Educational Background** In the table below, please list all universities, institutes, and special academic programs you have attended or are currently attending, with the most recent listed first. Transliterate directly from your native language into English spelling all words pertaining to your education. Do not use American equivalents unless you hold a degree from a U.S. academic institution.

Example

Institution and City	Department	Dates (Month-Year)	Type of Degree	Date Degree Received or Expected
Lebanese University	English Department	August 2006- May 2010	Diploma	May 2010

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- 13. TOEFL Testing** If you have not taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and are selected as a semi-finalist, you will be required to take the TOEFL exam. The cost of this examination will be covered by this program.

If you have previously taken the TOEFL examination, please give your score and the date and place where you took the examination. Attach a copy of your score report to the application if available. If selected, you may be required to submit official test results via ETS directly to the programming agency.

TOEFL Score _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Location _____

- 14. Other Standardized Testing** If you have taken any standardized tests other than the TOEFL, such as the SAT, ACT, IELTS or other English language proficiency exam, please list them below. Attach a copy of your score report to the application if available.

Test Name _____ Test Score _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Location _____

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15. Language Proficiency

Native Language(s) _____

Number of Years of English Language Study _____ Locations studied _____

Knowledge of Foreign Languages, including English (rate your abilities: Fair, Good, Excellent):

Language	Reading Ability	Writing Ability	Speaking Ability

16. University Courses List below, in English all the university courses you have taken and the grades you received. First-year students should list their current university courses followed by their secondary school final year courses and final grades.

To be eligible for this program, your application must include original transcripts. Please attach original transcripts to the application. Attach additional pages if necessary. Describe the grading system used (example: "20" = excellent to "9" = failing, "A" excellent, "F" = failing)

Academic Years (for example, 2004-2005)	Subject/Course (Class Title)	Grade

17. Proposed Field of Study in the U.S. Please indicate one field of specialization that most closely matches your current specialization. A list of eligible fields of specialization are provided in the application instructions.

If selected as a finalist, applicants may NOT change their field of study during the program.

Proposed Field _____

18. Current Academic Institution

Name of Current Institution _____

Faculty/Department _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

19. Present Course Year ☐ Final Year of Secondary School ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ Third

20. Expected Graduation Date (*month/year*) _____

21. Current Specialization/Major in Home Country _____

22. Previous VISA Information

a. Have you previously traveled on a U.S. Government-sponsored or other U.S. Exchange Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the following:

Name of Program _____ Year(s) _____

Location in the U.S. _____
(City) (State)

b. Have you ever received a U.S. J-1 Visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States on a J-1 Visa (month-day-year – month-day-year).

c. Have you ever received a U.S. F-1 Visa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States on a F-1 Visa (month-day-year – month-day-year)

d. Have you been in the U.S. for any other reason? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the duration of stay in the United States, except for visits to the United States as a tourist (month-day-year – month-day-year)

23. Non-Academic Activities Please list all volunteer positions, work experience, awards, and leadership positions you have held within the past four years. If you were a team leader, council member or other officer in any institution or activity, please note that as well.

Location/Institution and Contact	Type of Activity	Dates of Participation MM/YY – MM/YY	
		From:	To:

24. Recommendation Letters Identify two (2) individuals who will be writing letters of recommendation on your behalf. At least one should be from your current institution. Make sure these are people who are familiar with your academic and personal qualities.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

25. Additional Information

a. Have you ever been arrested? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the date, place and the reason for arrest:

b. Have you ever been expelled from any academic institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the date, institution, and reason for expulsion:

26. Essay: Personal Statement – Please submit a personal statement on separate sheets of paper attached to the application. The essay should be between 450-550 words and should provide a clear and detailed description of:

- Your interests and personality
- Your academic objectives
- Your goals related to your field of study and personal development
- The reasons why you wish to pursue them in the U.S.A and how it relates to your interests and future objectives

The essay is an essential part of the selection process and of your application for placement into an appropriate program. Be sure to include any details that highlight your personality and individuality.

SIGNATURE

By my signature, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in my application is accurate and complete, and that I intend to return to my home country upon completion of my studies in the United States.

Signature: _____

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION

Before submitting your application, please be sure you have included all of the following **REQUIRED** components:

- ☐ Completed, signed NESAS UGRAD application form
- ☐ Personal statement in English
- ☐ Official transcript (s)
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
- ☐ TOEFL score report
- ☐ One passport-size photo